

ALICE MEMORIAL AND NETHER

SOLE HOSPITALS.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Yesterday afternoon, a meeting of the Finance Committee of the *Alles Memorial and Netherloose Hospitals* was held in the *Alles Memorial Hospital*. Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart presided. The officers present were:—Dr. R. B. Gibson, Hon. Secretary; Mr. R. A. Brown, Hon. Treasurer; Rev. T. W. Pearce, Dr. J. C. Thomson, Mr. A. McKenzie, and Mr. Wong Shing.

Dr. Thomson introduced his successor, Dr. Gibson, and asked that the Committee would efficiently and satisfactorily carry on the work, and that a bright prosperity was in store for the hospitals.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, extended a most hearty welcome to Dr. Gibson, and added that the Committee was very much regretted losing Dr. Thomson's services. Those services were well known and highly appreciated, but he was sure that although Dr. Thomson was severing his connection with the institutions as far as the secular duties were concerned, he would help them with the benefit of his advice on all occasions.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Dr. Thomson reported that he had been appointed on the Committee but had consented to act with one exception. Dr. Thomson further reported that a meeting of the Chinese members of the Finance Committee was held in the Registrar-General's office on the 1st October last, and that the chairman of the meeting, Mr. Lockhart, with Dr. Thomson and Mr. McKenzies, Messrs. Ho Fook and Ho Fook were appointed to organize a party of collecting shroofs. The work had been done very successfully and the Chinese donation had been increased. The increase of the Chinese were due to Mr. Ho Fook and Mr. Ho Fook and also to the other gentlemen who co-operated with them for the valuable work they had done on behalf of the hospitals. (Applause.)

Dr. Thomson then proposed the re-election of the Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart as Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Lockhart had been chairman for several years and by his influence had rendered a very great service in the matter of collecting the donations, especially among the Chinese community.

Rev. T. W. Pearce seconded the motion.

Carried.

The report and balance sheet were taken and read.

Mr. Ross, in explaining the balance sheet, said the institutions were in a good financial position. A balance of \$760.15 was carried forward, exclusive of a residue of the Young Hospital, which had been invested in the London stock.

The Chairman moved that Mr. A. McKenzie be appointed treasurer, and said he very much regretted Mr. Ross was unable to continue his services as he was shortly going to leave the country. It was fortunate in having secured Mr. McKenzie's services. They were losing one Highlander and he had got another, and he did not think they could go to a better part of the world and get a treasurer. He hoped Mr. McKenzie would give a treasurer worthy of the good old Highlander name he possessed.

Mr. Ross seconded.

Carried.

The Chairman, in concluding the proceedings, alluded to the satisfactory position of the hospitals, and the increase of the work. He hoped the subscriptions would continue to increase, particularly among the Chinese, because it had to be borne in mind that it was the Chinese who benefitted by the hospitals, skill placed at their disposal in the hospitals. Having been connected with the institutions since they were founded he felt very proud of their success and trusted they would continue to flourish.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For **CANTON**.—
Per *Powson*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 13th March.

For **HAIPHONG**.—
Per *Ale*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 13th March.

For **SINGAPORE & COLOMBO**.—
Per *Ceylon*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday the 14th March.

For **SINGAPORE**.—
Per *Pomah*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday the 14th March.

For **CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG**.—
Per *Sutong*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday the 14th March.

For **SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW**.—
Per *Haitan*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 14th March.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKER.

The United States Mail Packets *Peyou* will be despatched on **MONDAY**, the 11th March, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

2.00 P.M. Registry closes.

3.00 P.M. Post Office closes.

Exchange.

Hongkong, March 12, 1896.

On London	Bank, Wire,	100	100
	On demand,	100	100
	30 days sight,	100	100
	4 months sight,	100	100
	Credit, 4	100	100
	Documentary, 4 months' sight,	100	100
On Paris	On demand,	234	234
	4 months' sight,	234	234
On Berlin	On demand,	234	234
On New York	On demand,	143	143
	Credit, 60 days' sight,	143	143
On Bombay	On demand,	127	127
On Singapore	On demand,	138	138
On Calcutta	On demand,	138	138
	Wires,	138	138
	On demand,	138	138
	On demand,	1 1/2 pms	1 1/2 pms
	On demand,	9 1/2 pms	9 1/2 pms
	On demand,	74	74
	30 days sight, (private paper)	74	74
On Yokohama	On demand,	0 1/2 pms	0 1/2 pms
	Gold Leaf, 500 fine, (per 100)	\$66.75	\$66.75
	Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	\$110.64	\$110.64
	Silver (per oz.)	\$124.75	\$124.75

Hongkong Register.

	Previous date (yesterday)	On date (today)	On date (1 p.m.)
Barometer	80.04	80.18	80.04
Temperature	84	82	82
Humidity	74	69	70
Direction of Wind	SE	SE	SE
Force	1	1	0
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0	0	0

Notes:—
 1. Mean of temperature on the 11th March, 1896, 80.18.
 2. Mean of humidity on the 11th March, 1896, 74.
 3. Mean of wind on the 11th March, 1896, SE.
 4. Mean of force on the 11th March, 1896, 1.
 5. Mean of weather on the 11th March, 1896, 0.
 6. Mean of rain on the 11th March, 1896, 0.

